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Mr. Michael T. Blouin  
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Dear Mr. Blouin:

Procedures of the type cited in your letter of 4 October 1979 to Director Turner concerning the systematic review and declassification of cryptologic information are needed. Similar ones are currently in use by the Central Intelligence Agency.

You also provided special procedures prepared by the Department of Defense and requested their uniform application throughout government departments and agencies. It appears that such uniform application would be inappropriate at this time.

Executive Order 12065, Section 3-403, authorizes the Secretary of Defense to establish special procedures for the systematic review and declassification of cryptologic information, and Directive #1 of the Information Security Oversight Office implementing that section provides that those procedures shall be binding on all agencies. However, the Executive Order also provides that these procedures shall be reviewed and approved, with respect to matters pertaining to intelligence sources and methods, by the Director of Central Intelligence. Since that review has not yet been accomplished, and since initial analysis of those internal DoD procedures has raised several substantive concerns, I believe that dissemination for uniform application is premature.

Accordingly, I have instructed my Information Services Staff (ISS) to conduct a thorough review of the Department of Defense recommendations contained in those procedures. I suggest that you, or an appropriate representative of the Department of Defense, contact  ST/ Chief, ISS, to further discuss our concerns in this matter. Until such time as the procedures can be approved in accordance with the requirements of Executive Order 12065, I suggest that the Department of Defense procedures be limited in their application.

Sincerely,

/s/ Frank C. Carlucci

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